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**Enrolments 2013 - of special interest to out of Zone Families**

In 2009 the Matarau School Board of Trustees was instructed by the Ministry of Education to implement an Enrolment Scheme to limit the growth of the school. Under such schemes all "in zone" students are given a guaranteed (and fully funded) place in the school. The number of "out of zone" students is at the discretion of the Board on the understanding ..

.. that these students must be balloted in (and not selected)

.. and that the Ministry will not fund additional learning spaces for these (out of zone) students.

The Board is currently dealing with the vexed issue of how we handle more out of zone enrolment applications than we have places available. Trends, and recent enquiries, indicate that the Board may need to significantly reduce the number of out of zone placements next year (and maybe beyond) to ensure that we do not enrol more children than we can accommodate, and so that we retain the current character of our school. If restrictions on numbers are not implemented soon we may face a total roll of potentially in excess of 300 children within the next 2 or 3 years (even this year's roll will end somewhere in the 250-260 range).

The Board believes that it has a clear duty to **out of zone families with children already enrolled with us** to ensure there are enough places in the school for the siblings of out of zone students already in our school. **In order for us to allocate sufficient places for these students it is important that out of zone families advise us early next week if they have a child they would like to enrol at Matarau School in 2013.**

So .. if you are out of zone and intend enrolling a "younger sibling" next year (and you have not already done so), please phone the school office / or drop by next week to **request an "Application for Out of Zone Enrolment" form. These need to be returned by the end of next week please.** While these forms are NOT a guarantee of placement (as all applications must go into ballot) they will enable us to do our best to allocate the necessary number of "first priority" places prior to these being advertised publicly.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call at the office or to give Kevin a call.

***Additionally, if there are students who will not be with us next year it would be helpful if the parents of these children could let us know next week so that we can make these places available for out of zone students.***



## **Thanks**

- .. To those who attended this week's meeting with Kamo High School senior staff.
- .. To those awesome people who offered to assist with marshalling at this week's Taniwha Challenge - even though this event did not proceed.
- .. To those helping out in various ways in the run up to our school production.
- .. To those who were able to make it to our farewell for Mrs Witte
- .. To those who have offered to assist with our junior sandpit .. will get back to you soon.
- .. To RD1 who have generously donated standards and geared reels for use at school and interschool sporting events.



## **People of the week**

- .. Mrs Witte .. best wishes for the future .. keep in touch!
- .. Summer for fantastic story writing
- .. Magan and Mikayla who gave a great book chat in the junior assembly this week. Thank you girls from the Junior School
- .. Jared - in the Northland Hatch Development team, had a great tournament last weekend setting up a win. Way to go Jared!
- .. Sean .. see the end of the newsletter

## **ENTHUSIASM**

We will announce the shining examples of our enthusiasm virtue some time within the next couple of weeks .. watch this space.

## **Parents of Year 8 students**

.. if you indicated that your child would be / might be attending Kamo High School in 2013 you will have received a confirmation of your enrolment interview time - to be held at Matarau School Thursday 30 August. If you did not receive this confirmation, or if you have subsequently decided that your child might be attending K.H.S. next year, please phone our school office on Monday morning.

## **School Cross Country**

As advised in last week's newsletter, certificates for our School Cross Country will be presented at our school assembly starting at 2:30pm on Monday 20 August.

## **Whangarei Interschool Cross Country - Barge Park - 7 Sept**

Last week the first 6 place getters (year 4 and up) received an invitation to represent our school at the Interschool Cross Country at Barge Park on 7 September. A reminder that if we have not yet received your consent we require this by this coming Monday (20/8) so that we can confirm entries, and find a replacement runner in the event that your child will not be participating. Thanks to Jenny Crawford who has offered to co-ordinate our team on the day. Jenny will need assistance and so, if able to help, or if you have any questions in the run up to this event, please give Kevin a call.

## **School Photos**

Still not too late to order. If you would like to place an order please contact Helen. Orders placed by last Monday should be back at school early next week.

## **Coming up this term**

23 August	Senior abseiling at Waipu
27 August	Regional Science and Technology Fair
28 August	Children year 6 and up visit the Regional Science Fair
30 August	KHS enrolment interviews
1 September	Trivia Night
5 September	Senior girls HPV dose 3
7 September	Interschool Cross Country at Barge Park
9-14 September	AIMS Games
21 September	Northland Cross Country
24 September	School Production week .. performances to be confirmed
26 September	Shake Out Day .. more to follow
28 September	Final day of term 3



### Matarau Hockey - Sponsored by McQuinn Ground Spread

Well Done to the following players of the Day Saturday 11 August :



C Grade - Jacob



D Grade - Taylor



E Grade - Jessi

### Matarau Netball

Well Done to the following players of the Day :



Yr 4-6 - Tegan



Yr 6-8 - Tayla

### After School Care.

We have a parent interested in providing After School Care for children in their family home on a private basis, pick up after school, snacks provided, homework attended. This parent has relevant experience, has been police vetted by the school and is available to start immediately. If interested please contact - Carol Welsh at home: 4335035 or Cell: 021 0817 9805

### Taniwha Challenge

If you sent money to school to pay for bus transport to the above event please note that refunds were handed out to children today. Maybe check their bags.

### Helping your child become a reader

This year we are trying to increase reading mileage for all children. The library advisor has given us some suggestions of how parents can help their children to become better, more enthusiastic readers. We will put a few thoughts in each newsletter ..

*Did you know that little and often is a good way to 'hook in' reluctant readers.*

*Build reading into your family routines. Set a time and space for reading and make it fun. Maybe make a family visit to the public library and choose your books together.*



### Going For Gold

It's great to see so many children so enthusiastic about reading their way to a medal. We have a few bronze medallists already - keep up the good work.

### International Schools Maths and English Competitions

Congratulations to all of those children who participated in these competitions. Your papers are now at (or will soon be at) the University of New South Wales for marking. You can expect your result sheets later this term (or early next term) once teachers have analysed these and entered results into our Student Management System. **Parents, could you please ensure that you return all practice papers and answer sheets next week so that we have these to use in future years.**

### Year 3/4 Camp

Last term we advised that the year 4 camp would take place at Marsden Bay Youth Camp 30 October to 2 November (3 nights), with the year 3 students joining the camp 1 November to 2 November (1 night). We can also advise that the cost of this camp is likely to be in the vicinity of \$120 per student - cost of year 3 students yet to be set. We are heavily reliant on parent assistance at camp and hope that early notice of dates will enable some of you to plan to be with us .. and to budget for the cost.

### Headlice Inspection

All parents are encouraged to check their children's hair weekly and to take prompt action in the event of infestation.

### Senior EOTC Trip - Waipu - Thursday 23rd August

Permission slips were sent out last week, quite a few outstanding - please send in asap. Any queries to Mrs Donaldson please.



### Calf Club - Thursday 18th October 2012

You need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves and lambs must be born after 1st July 2012. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling.



We have received some free bottles of Agrisea - a seaweed concentrate for animal nutrition for calves and lambs - if you would like one for your animal please contact the office.

You can also bring a 'pet' which can include - goats (kids), cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.

A booklet will be handed out to children bringing a pet (not for lambs or calves) two weeks prior to the September holidays and needs to be completed and returned to school on the first Monday of term - 15th October. The booklet will be judged by independent judges.



There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website [www.calfclub.co.nz](http://www.calfclub.co.nz) Calf and lamb rearing books are available from the office for those children unsure of what the judges look for on the day.

### KapaHaka News

We are currently organising costumes for our keen group of students.

We may finally have a guitarist and hope to perform in our school assembly before the end of term and possibly at a festival at Mangakahia Area School in Term 4. Our longer term goal would be the Primary School Kapahaka Competition mid 2013. To ensure we have sufficient practice time we will begin our practise on Tuesday's at 2:30pm continuing through until 4pm. New students are still welcome to join the group.

### Te Reo Classes

These classes will resume this coming Wednesday for year 3-8 students from 2:10- 3:00pm. The classes will continue until the end of 2012.

### Finally SOME MORE AIRLINE HUMOUR Qantas Airlines: Repair Division

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "Gripe Sheet" which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the Gripe Sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident. WILL FEED YOU ONE A WEEK.

**P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.**

**S: Evidence removed.**

### And Finally.. Finally

Last week we drew your attention to an extraordinary act of kindness on the part of one of our students. Well .. we have another. This week Sean and his brother were negotiating a half kilometre metal driveway on their way home from school .. Sean had shoes and his brother did not. Seeing his brother struggling, he took off his shoes, offered them to his brother, and walked the remaining distance in his bare feet. This is an awesome thing to do for someone else Sean .. this makes you about the best brother in the world this week!

Have a great weekend!

Regards,  
Kevin Trehwella  
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## **Community Notices**

**For Sale** - border collie pups, 1 x male red & white; 2 x female black & white; 3 x male black & white; \$550 for B/W; \$650 for R/W, Ready to go 21<sup>st</sup> August. Call Mandy on 435 0559 or 021 101 8361

**Pig food wanted**, anything considered. Will pick up windfall fruit etc off ground. Phone Kelly 433 5588.

**Parenting Toolbox sessions** - Join a Toolbox parenting group and learn how to build a great family team. Discover new parenting ideas and discuss successful strategies in a six week group course. Toolbox groups are free of charge to whanau caregivers, foster carers, adopters, grandparents raising grandchildren and Home for Life parents thanks to government funding. If you would like more information about Toolbox parenting groups in Northland contact Debbie Short 09 433 5040

**Storylines** – free family day at Whangarei Central Library. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 2pm. Meet authors & illustrators, watch performances; enter competitions; win prizes; watch artists in action & create your own illustrations.

**Meadow Fresh Promotion** – Collect yellow Cool Stuff for Kids stickers found on specially stickered Meadow fresh milk and yoghurt packs. Green forms to place stickers on sent home with this newsletter today, place your stickers on the form & return to school. Stickers must be at school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**GREAT NIGHT OUT** - Please support our Kamo Magpies JB7s rugby team (quite a few ex Matarau boys are in this team) - raise money for their end of season trip. We are selling tickets for a social at the Kamo Rugby Clubrooms off Butler Place. - will be a great night out. 18<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm til late. Band - Gravel Road; \$30 each ticket. Cash bar. See Shirley Perris at school or text her on 021 1152 138.

**The Scrap Heap** - Whangarei has a new scrapbooking & paper crafts store – opening 10am-2pm 18 & 19<sup>th</sup> August. 249 Kamo Road, Whau Valley. Tel 437 1808

## **School Fundraising**

Prize for the  
best dressed  
team table

### *Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser*



*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012  
7pm - Matarau School Hall*

If your company can sponsor a table your company name will appear here for the next few newsletters plus featuring on a table on the night and around the hall! Easy way to get seen by the locals! Great value for only \$100!

Contact Wendy Francis on 435 4659 or Sarah Kessell 435 1202 for full details.

**Prize Donations:** if you are unable to sponsor a table, would you be able to donate a prize or prizes for the night? These could either be used as part of silent/live auctions or a lucky door prize. Prizes could be anything from chocolate to wine to bathroom products, or perhaps an old gift that's not been used??!

Any queries call Wendy or Sharon, or see Helen in the office.

*Get your table groups together (4-6 people per team)*

*Tickets are now on sale at the office  
\$20 per person*

This includes lots of fun, nibbles and a light supper. BYO Drinks.  
Start sorting your costume, table groups and dusting off your thinking caps!!  
You could be surprised just what trivia you know!